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Russ Kick
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Dear Russ Kick:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 25, 2019, received by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) on February 25, 2019. Your request has been assigned Case Number 19-00145. Please provide this number in any future correspondence on this matter.

A review of your request shows that you are seeking:

[Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: your agency's FOIA request log covering 2018, which includes a field showing the subject of each request and a field for the final disposition.

Further, I request that this document be sent in any digital formats in which it exists (such as PDF and Excel). Under the terms of the E-FOIA Amendments of 1996, Section 5, if a document exists in electronic format, it must be released in that format upon request.]

This is an interim response to your FOIA request, as we will be unable to respond to your request within the FOIA's 20-day statutory time period due to unusual circumstances. The unusual circumstances may include: (a) the need to search for and collect records from a facility geographically separated from this office; (b) the potential volume of records responsive to your request; (c) the need for consultation with one or more agencies which have substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records; and (d) an unusually high volume of FOIA requests.

For the above reasons, your request has been placed in our queue and will be processed in the order received. We regret there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests, and we solicit your patience and understanding as we diligently work to respond.

With the Freedom of Information Reform Act of 1986, Congress amended the FOIA to allow some processing costs to be passed on to the requesters. Also, the DoDM Regulation 5400.07 states, regardless of the requester's fee category, all requesters must agree to pay the likely chargeable fees associated with processing their requests. This regulation also allows the

assessment of search fees even if no responsive records are located; or if responsive records are located, but determined to be exempt from release.

We have classed your request as a “media” request. As a “media” requester, you are entitled to receive 100 pages of duplicated responsive records at no charge. Additional charges will be assessed for all pages in excess of 100. As a matter of policy, the DHA does not bill requesters when their fees do not exceed \$25.00.

If you have any questions or concerns about the processing of your request under the FOIA, you may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (703) 275-6363.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nadine Brown".

Nadine Brown
FOIA Compliance Manager
DHA Privacy and Civil Liberties Office